# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CHAIRMAN:

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COMMISSIONERS:

**Ember Davis** 

Tonita Gurule-Giron

Vince Howell Joey Herrera David Romero

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Pamela Marrujo, Housing Director

Barbara Padilla, HM Supervisor Dave Romero, City Attorney

Elmer Martinez, Acting City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER** 

**ROLL CALL** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge how precious life is, and in remembrance of Mr. Rock Ulibarri who had the unfortunate incident of his house burning down, and for other people who are suffering from cold and hunger throughout the world. If there is any way we can assist that should be one of our goals.

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner David Romero seconded the motion

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner Joey Herrera	Yes
Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vince Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2014, October 23, 2014, and October 27, 2014. Commissioner David Romero seconded the motion.

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Joey Herrera	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time

#### **PRESENTATION**

Finance Director Gallegos presented the Housing Department Revenue and Expenditures report for the month of October. She stated that 33% of the year has lapsed, and with that the actual dwelling rent amount is \$342,475 or 32%. Finance Director Gallegos reported that the HA should be at 33%, and stated it would be if they had the transfer from the capital project funds which is awaiting HUD's authorization. The expenditures are at 34%, so Finance Director Gallegos stated Housing Director Marrujo is very well in line with where she should be. Finance Director Gallegos stated that in January she will be getting the actual data for 2014 to do a comparison from last year to this year.

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked Housing Director Marrujo for clarification that the building on Hot Springs Blvd belongs to the City and has already been paid for by the City. Housing Director Marrujo verified that is correct.

#### HOUSING DIRECTORS MONTHLY REPORT

Housing Director Marrujo updated the Commission on the ongoing projects for the Housing Department. Regarding the 7 Unit Remodel Project, she reported that 5 Units tested positive for asbestos. The abatement of those units will be completed on November 20, 2014 along with the final air clearance testing. ERMS (Environmental Remediation Management Services) conducted the abatement on those units. Construction has begun and the estimated date of completion is April 7, 2015.

Housing Director Marrujo stated that for the 9 Unit Remodel project, the Longhorn contract was approved at the last meeting for the construction project. After that meeting, Housing Director Marrujo drove to Santa Fe to get the contract executed. At that point, the construction company had discovered that the alternates, 8 and 9 had a duplicate address. Therefore, a different alternate had to be selected. Housing Director Marrujo stated that it was supposed to be a 6 unit remodel, however after having to deduct another alternate it is now going to be a 5 Unit Remodel Project. Housing Director Marrujo informed HUD of this and HUD is ok with it and is very happy that the Housing Authority is spending the money. The notice to proceed was issued today (11-19-14). They have 240 days to complete the project, which takes it into July. Being that it is changing from 9 Units down to 5 units, Housing Director Marrujo is asking them to speed up the project and hopefully have it done by June 30, 2015 so the HA can have a total of 12 Units placed back on the rent roll this year.

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked if we have someone overseeing the construction project. Housing Director Marrujo stated the HA has a hired architect who oversees the project.

Discussion ensued regarding Chairman Ortiz Jr's. concerns after what happened with the Recreation Swimming Pool.

Housing Director Marrujo discussed the Windows Project which she will be presenting to the Commission for approval of the construction contract in January for construction to begin in March. Housing Director Marrujo explained that the HA wants to wait until it gets warmer to replace windows so that tenants are not exposed to the cold.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

None at this time.

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron stated that she is glad to see that things are moving forward.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION**

Housing Director Marrujo stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ember Davis seconded the motion.

Chairman Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Joey Herrera	Yes
Commissioner Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Chairman Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr.

ATTEST

Casandra Fresquez, City elerk